

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended). A folder for the use as a knee board with two folder lids which comprise at least one receiver for documents and which are joined with each other by means of at least one joint, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the joint (1) can be blocked by a latching device (7) which mutually joins the two folder lids (3) with one another.

Claim 2 (currently amended). A folder according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the latching device (7) comprises a latch (8) with a longitudinal groove (9) into which engage the upper or lower edges of the folder lids (3).

Claim 3 (currently amended). A folder according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the latching device (7) comprises a bar (10) which extends transversally to the joint shaft, rests on the folder lids (3) and engages in insertion guides (11) of the

folder lids (3) or can be joined with the folder lids by snap fasteners or Velcro fasteners.

Claim 4 (currently amended). A folder according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the latching device (7) consists of upper or lower edge brackets (12, 13) which extend beyond the folder lids (3) and are joined in an articulated manner along their longitudinal edges with each other and with the folder, and are subdivided in an articulated way according to the pivoting joint(s) (1) of the folder lids (3).

Claim 5 (currently amended). A folder according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the latching device (7) consists of a pivoting latch (16) which rests in the latching position on the two folder lids (3).

Claim 6 (currently amended). A folder according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pivoting latch (16) is arranged as a single-arm lever and is held on one of the two folder lids (3).

Claim 7 (currently amended). A folder according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pivoting latch (16) which is arranged as a two-arm lever is held on a back (2) joining the folder lids (3).

Claim 8 (currently amended). A folder according to ~~one of the claims 5 to 7, characterized in that~~ wherein the pivoting latch (16) can be pivoted with its free end(s) into a receiving pocket (17).

Claim 9 (currently amended). A folder according to ~~one of the claims 5 to 7, characterized in that~~ wherein the pivoting latch (16) is provided at its free end(s) with a receiving hook (19) for a latching pin (18) provided on the folder lid (3).

Claim 10 (currently amended). A folder according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the latching pin (18) forms an undercut for the engagement of the receiving hook (19).

Claim 11 (currently amended). A folder according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the latching device (7) consists

of a toggle lever (21) which bridges the back (2), is linked to the two folder lids (3) and comprises in the latched position an over-center toggle position limited by a stop.

Claim 12 (currently amended). A folder according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the latching device (7) comprises a pivoting disk (23) which is held on the back (2) joining the two folder lids (3) and is linked via a guide (24) each to the two folder lids (3), and that the guides (24) assume an over-center toggle position in the stop-limited latching position of the pivoting disks (23).

Claim 13 (currently amended). A folder according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a back (2) joining the two folder lids comprises a central pivoting joint (1) for the folder lids (3), ~~that~~ the back parts (26) rigidly joined with the folder lids (3) form a mutual stop in the opened position of the folder and that the latching device (7) consists of a spring-loaded catch hook (27) which is held on the outside of a folder lid (3) and latches into a latching opening (28) in the other folder lid (3).

Claim 14 (currently amended). A folder according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least two cooperating joint parts (29, 30) of the two folder lids (3) form a latching device for the opened position of the folder lids (3) with at least one projecting latching nose (33) on the one joint part (29, 30) and with a latching recess (34) receiving the latching nose (33) on the other joint part (30, 29), with one of the two latching parts (33, 34) forming the latching device being held in a displaceable manner relative to the other one and being pressurized by a spring (35, 41) in the latching sense.

Claim 15 (currently amended). A folder according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the latching nose (33) projects on the one joint part (29, 30) against the latching recess (34) on the other joint part.

Claim 16 (currently amended). A folder according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the folder lids (3) which are displaceable against one another against the spring force in the direction of the joint shaft (32) carry the hinge parts (29,30) in a non-displaceable manner.

Claim 17 (currently amended). A folder according to ~~the~~ claims 15 ~~and 16, characterized in that~~ wherein the joint parts (29, 30) consist of hinge sleeves (31) held on a common joint shaft (32), ~~that~~ the latching recesses (34) and the latching noses (33) are formed as recesses and noses on the face side of the hinge sleeves (31), and ~~that~~ a coil spring (35) is provided between two hinge sleeves (31) of the two folder lids (3), which coil spring encloses the joint shaft (32).

Claim 18 (currently amended). A folder according to claims 15 ~~and 16, characterized in that~~ wherein the joint parts (29, 30) consist of joint disks (37, 38) on the face side which are each jointed via a joint shaft stub (39) and which form on their mutually facing sides the axially projecting latching nose (33) or latching recess (34) for the latching nose, and that the joint ~~the~~ shaft stubs (39) supported on the outer of the two ~~hinge~~ joint disks (37, 38) ~~can~~ displaceably penetrate the contacting inner ~~hinge~~ joint disk (37 or 38) and form with the inner projecting end an abutment for a pressure spring (41) resting on the inner ~~hinge~~ joint disk (37 or 38).